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CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT (D-ARK.) SAID TODAY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE U-2 INCIDENT AND SUBMIT CONFERENCE FAILURE WAS "VERY SOFT IN ITS CRITICISMS."

FULBRIGHT TERMED THE REPORT, ISSUED SATURDAY NIGHT, A "VERY THOROUGH FACTUAL ACCOUNT" BUT HE SAID IT WAS OVERLY MODERATE AND FAILED TO DEAL STRONGLY ENOUGH WITH SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES.

NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, IT WAS THE BEST REPORT ON WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE COULD AGREE. FULBRIGHT SAID HE EXPECTED TO OUTLINE HIS OWN VIEWS IN A SENATE SPEECH WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO.

SEN. BARRY M. GOLDWATER (R-ARIZ.) SAID YESTERDAY THE U-2 INCIDENT AND SUBSEQUENT SUBMIT FAILURE WAS "ONE OF THE GREAT VICTORIES WE HAVE ACHIEVED OVER COMMUNISM SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR."

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAS "MADE A MISTAKE IN NOT PLAYING UP THE SUCCESS OF THE U-2 INCIDENT AND THE COLLAPSE OF THE SUBMIT."

GOLDWATER SAID (ON ABC-TV) THAT THE SHOOTING DOWN OF THE AMERICAN SPY PLANE OVER RUSSIAN TERRITORY FORCED SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV TO ADMIT "HE WAS DEFENSELESS AGAINST ANY AIR ATTACKS."

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